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TAGS: SHUM, IN, US, OVIP

SUBJECT: PROSPECTIVE JOINT DECLARATION

REF: A) NEW DELHI 15378; B) NEW DELHI 16596

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PRESENT TO MEA TEXT OF A  
PROPOSED DELHI DECLARATION QUOTED IN PARAGRAPH 2 BELOW.  
IN CONVEYING TEXT YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT IT IS OBVIOUSLY NOT  
FIXED IN CONCRETE BUT ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE KIND OF DOCUMENT  
THAT WE BELIEVE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. IT SHOULD BE MADE  
CLEAR THAT THIS TEXT WAS PREPARED INDEPENDENTLY OF THE  
INDIAN PROPOSAL (REFTEL A) AND THAT NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE  
TO MARRY THE TWO DRAFTS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING  
THE INDIAN REACTION TO THE KIND OF DOCUMENT WE ARE SUG-  
GESTING AND TO ANY CHANGES OR ADDITIONS THEY MAY WISH TO  
PROPOSE.

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2. BEGIN QUOTE DRAFT DELHI DECLARATION

WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE PROBLEMS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
CAN AND SHOULD BE MET IN THE CONTEXT OF A SOCIETY OF FREE  
PEOPLE WHO CAN MAKE CHOICES ABOUT THEIR OWN FUTURE. WHILE  
MANY DIFFERENT POLITICAL FORMS ARE POSSIBLE, WE KNOW FROM  
OUR OWN EXPERIENCE THAT A DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM IS A FEASIBLE

AND DESIRABLE FRAMEWORK FOR NATIONS IN DIFFERING STATES  
OF DEVELOPMENT.

WE KNOW FROM OUR OWN EXPERIENCE THAT BROAD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS ESSENTIAL FOR A MODERN NATION STATE. BUT WE ALSO KNOW THAT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RINGS HOLLOW WHEN ITS BENEFITS DO NOT REACH ALL SEGMENTS OF SOCIETY. OUR TWO COUNTRIES SHARE THE GOAL OF ECONOMIC GROWTH WITH EQUITY; WE ARE READY TO WORK TOGETHER IN ACHIEVING THIS GOAL; WE ARE READY TO SHARE OUR EXPERIENCE WITH OTHERS WHO SHARE THIS GOAL WITH US.

WE BELIEVE THAT THE STATE EXISTS TO PROTECT THE FREEDOM AND WELL-BEING OF THE INDIVIDUAL. HUMAN DIGNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS -- BOTH POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC -- MUST BE ENHANCED SIMULTANEOUSLY. WE THEREFORE JOIN TOGETHER IN DECLARING THAT MAN IS ENTITLED TO CERTAIN BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS:

- (1) MAN HAS A RIGHT TO EAT SO THAT HE CAN LIVE AND WORK;
  - (2) MAN HAS A RIGHT TO LEARN AND TO BE TAUGHT;
  - (3) MAN HAS A RIGHT TO BE HEALED WHEN SICK;
  - (4) MAN HAS A RIGHT TO THINK AND TO SPEAK HIS MIND FREELY;
  - (5) MAN HAS A RIGHT TO WORSHIP HIS GOD OPENLY;
  - (6) MAN HAS A RIGHT TO CHOOSE AND TO CHANGE HIS GOVERNMENT.
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THE SPECTRE OF NUCLEAR WAR HAS HUNG OVER THE WORLD TOO LONG. THE EXCESSIVE STOCKPILES OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ALREADY IN EXISTENCE MUST BE REDUCED; THE DANGER OF PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS MUST BE PREVENTED. WE PLEDGE TO DO OUR UTMOST IN BOTH OF THESE AREAS.

WE SOLEMNLY STATE THAT WAR IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE MEANS OF SETTLING POLITICAL DISPUTES. WE WILL WORK TO REDUCE THE DANGER OF ANY WAR, WHETHER IT BE GLOBAL OR REGIONAL IN NATURE. THERE ARE FORTUNATELY NO SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL DISPUTES BETWEEN INDIA AND THE UNITED STATES. WE WILL DO OUR UTMOST TO RESOLVE AMICABLY DISPUTES THAT WE HAVE WITH OTHER PARTIES AND WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS COOPERATE IN HELPING TO RESOLVE THE DISPUTES OF OTHERS.

WE LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE BOUNDARIES AMONG NATIONS HAVE TAKEN ON A DIFFERENT MEANING. WE MUST SCRUPULOUSLY RECOGNIZE EACH NATION'S RIGHT TO INDEPENDENT SOVEREIGNTY. AT THE SAME TIME, THE WELL-BEING AND DIGNITY OF EACH INDIVIDUAL IS A MATTER OF GLOBAL CONCERN NO MATTER WHERE

HE MAY LIVE. WE CANNOT AND WILL NOT TURN OUR BACK ON  
SUFFERING AND INJUSTICE.

ABOVE ALL, WE RECOGNIZE AN OBLIGATION TO OURSELVES AND  
OTHERS THAT TRANSCENDS TRADITIONAL IDEAS OF STATECRAFT.  
ENDS DO NOT JUSTIFY EVIL MEANS; NATIONS AS WELL AS  
INDIVIDUALS ARE MORALLY ANSWERABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS.  
END QUOTE

3. FYI. THE GENERAL REACTION HERE TO THE INDIAN PROPOSAL  
WAS THAT IT IS SIMPLY TOO LONG AND COMMUNIQUE-LIKE.  
DELHI'S VERSION (REFTEL B) ALONG WITH OTHERS, WHICH WERE  
CIRCULATED INFORMALLY, WERE CONSIDERED, WITH THE ABOVE  
DRAFT DECIDED UPON BY THE NSC FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION BY  
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THE GOI. THE INDIAN REACTION WILL GIVE US SOME FEELING  
FOR THE DIRECTION IN WHICH WE SHOULD MOVE TO GET A  
MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENT. END FYI VANCE

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